



Monday 11th May 2020

Dear Parents

Well I thought I was prepared for most eventualities but I certainly was not prepared for last night's announcement. I know nothing is certain yet but Reception and Year 1 are obviously the hardest to manage in terms of social distancing so the logic has escaped me. Maybe there is scientific evidence to say these would be the safest classes but nothing has been shared with us. We are receiving further guidance later today and then we will have to come up with a plan. I am meeting with governors on Thursday and then will hopefully be able to give you an idea of what we plan to do if the R rate does not rise again.

At the moment I am wondering how it going to be possible for us to teach Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 as well as the key worker children socially distanced, at the same time as home educating the other year groups. There is of course the other matter of some Year R, 1 and 6 parents deciding the keep their children at home. Who will set their work? Will parents be penalised for choosing to keep their children at home? I am sure that we will find our way through this fog but please know that our paramount concern is the health and safety of all our children and staff. This will guide all our decisions. I will consult with you too whenever I can.

In the meantime we carry on as we were providing as much support as we can with home learning and providing care for our key worker children in school. Thank you for keeping in contact with us and letting us know how you are getting on. We know there is so much that the children are learning apart from the work they are doing online. The twins are now mad about playing draughts and making ramps for their cars. It is amazing how much fun you can have with a long plank of wood and an old piece of guttering. But we still have a more formal learning time too as it is important to keep some structure. I have really loved teaching them when I can although Daddy has to do most of it.

A couple of parents have asked about The Oxford Owl reading books, saying their child has read all at their level. If you feel your child could cope with a harder level then please try it. Juniors, you have log ins for reading plus. I will be commenting on progress this week for all those who have been doing it so watch out for a message from me.

Just a reminder that if your financial circumstances have changed and you wish to find out if you can now qualify for free school meals just follow this link to find out.

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals/?page=2>

If you are not entitled to this but are still finding things very tight please let me know if you'd appreciate a food bag. (Just leave a message on the school answerphone and a member of senior





leadership team will pick it up. This information will be kept confidential but if you would rather it was me that you spoke to/left a message for I will be in school Tues, Wed and Fri this week.

Shout Out Wall

Reception	Poppy Bolton and Autumn Ingham
Year 1	Lilyah Ramm and Ava Smith
Year 2	Oskar Ogryzek, Scarlett Walker and Noah Briscoe.
Year 3	Rebecca Holmes and Finley Hogarth
Year 4	Ryan Walker, Cordelia Bowerman-Melling & Orla McEneaney
Year 5	Jessica Swarbrick and Oliwia Rugala
Year 6	Harvey Livesey and Libby Bowerman Melling

Have a great week and take care of each other.

Mrs Gallagher

Jesus let your light shine through in all we think and say and do. Amen.

